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PERSONALMEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. Allen Dulles

FROM :

SUBJECT : Phil Mosely's Proposal re a Book on "Inspection and Limitation of Armaments".

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(1) At our Princeton meeting the week before last, Phil Mosely sounded me out on the possibility of taking off 12 to 15 months to write a book on disarmament for the Council. He said you were aware of their interest in the project - not necessarily, I believe, in connection with me - and suggested that I might want to talk to you about it. He said it would probably involve moving my family to New York inasmuch as I would be expected to be at the Council offices every day. The procedures would be the same as they have followed for the Kissinger and Wohlstetter books. I told him it was an interesting idea but that I was also very much interested in my present work and, secondly, taking my 5 children out of private schools here and moving the family to New York was not an easy undertaking.

(2) This past Friday I received a letter from Mosely who said he was "even more attracted than before" by the idea, that he had discussed it on his return with a few of his colleagues, and that "I find they share my impression fully". He then outlined procedures and said it "ought to run to fifteen or even eighteen months rather than to twelve". He ended by raising the question of when I would want to talk it over with you.

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(3) My own situation and feeling is that I fully appreciate the opportunity it would afford. It is a tempting proposition. On the other hand, I like it here very much and feel that to be away from what is going on for 15 to 18 months would be a very long time indeed - given the speed of events and the period ahead. Added to that, it would be almost impossible to take my family with me. Therefore my intention is to turn it down. However, if you thought I should do it that would put a different light on the matter. I don't mean to burden you with this but the suggestion was that I talk to you about it.

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